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#### ALWAYS "A NEW BUREAU"!

THENEVER a society for the prevention of something or other gets busy in New York the first thing it does is to urge a new department of the city government.

At its inaugural meeting the Committee for the Prevention of Reckless Driving and Street Accidents started off with a proposal for special municipal bureau to handle automobile traffic.

But why? Does anybody believe that the police, with traffic regulations, a license system and the co-operation of magistrates and courts to back them, are not capable of dealing with the speed problem?

Why create new officials to do somebody else's work?

Directly anything goes wrong hereabouts somebody wants to open new city offices with a salaried manager and a staff of secretaries.

The habit of assisting departments of the city government to do work that properly belongs to them, if carried too far, easily begets confusion, laxity and weakened responsibility.

Instead of spending money to multiply chiefs and staffs the city had much better figure how to get the highest degree of efficiency from those it already has.

Reckless motor driving is a serious menace and must be curbed. But the best results will be obtained, not by creating new bureans but by seeing to it that the city gets from police and magistrates the vigilance and co-operation that belong to departments which already exist.

Do your resolving early.

#### AS IT ADDS UP.

EN BILLION DOLLARS' worth of farm products is the record for 1913-in spite of drought and discouragements the most successful farming year in the history of the United States. The high cost of living is still with us, to be sure, but the more we study it the more hopeful we are of finding ways to get the better of it.

We have at last tackled with courage and success the Tariff and the Currency-two spectres that have scared us since we were born. Government and business have never been more friendly and communicative toward each other.

We have been and shall continue to be wisely withheld from war. The country is all here. Why worry?

How long since you've heard yourself sing? Try your voice to-night.

#### "KNOW THYSELF."

PF YOU wish to have your physical machinery overhauled by experts who will tell you where it needs oil or repairs, the Life Extension Institute, just incorporated at Albany, will soon be ready to do the job for a small fee. If you hold a life insurance policy the cost will be nothing at all.

If there is something wrong with your gear the Institute will furnish a diagram of readjustment and your family physician can do the rest.

Dr. Wiley on the Board of Directors there seems no resson to doubt the good faith of this corporation when it announces that it is in business for health and humanity. Two-thirds of any profits it may carn beyond five per cent. of the capital invested are to be spent in extending the public usefulness of the Institute.

With each succeeding year there is less and less excuse for any man to remain ignorant of his bodily condition or of the things he can do to make his life a long, useful and happy one.

Twenty-five hundred years ago Solon summed up his wisdom in the counsel, "Know thyself"-advice which the Greeks put in gold

letters over the portice of their most sacred temple. To-day the best efforts of the best minds are spent in helping

us to follow it.

And many of them!

## Letters From the People

Cost and Economy.

I am thirteen years of age and attend Public School No. 165. I have noticed that about one man out of ten has a to run a truck with a team of horses than it is to run an automobile truck?"

Is it cheaper to run a stage coach or a railway train, a rowboat or an 800-foot occan liner? Is it cheaper to burn a candle or an are light? The answer to candle or an are light? The answer to candle or these is obvious. But we do each of these is obvious. But we do of America. Its object is to keep chilsteamship or the electric light for this it does a great deal of good and hopes much cheaper than to burn an arc light, but in order to get the light from New York. HUGO GREENFIELD, candles several hundred of them would America have to be burned in order to equal that given by an are light, in which case the cost would be many times.

To the Edward The Evening World:
Apropos of the article entitled "Dogs greater than the cost of burning an arc light. It is cheaper to operate a row boat than a steamhlip, but in order to transport a cargo of merchandise (that transport a cargo of merchandise (that rabid pet dog, the question arises, "Why is taken across the ocean in a steam the pet dog" anyway in a large city? in rowboats, so many of them would have to be employed that the Aside from possible inexplicable pleasure cost would be enormously greater than in keeping a pet of that kind under such that by steamship. The same applies unnatural and unsatisfactory conditions to the spade vs. the steam shovel, and for the keeping of such animals in

than with the motor cruck under aver- but is inhumane to the animals the siderably different answer. M. C. H. tions.

blewing smoke in a policeman's face. days during the year?

condemn the railway train, the dren (and grown-ups) from amoking To burn a single candle is to have a rollcall of 100,000 boys in America.

there would seem to be no use whateve to the horse and wagon vs. the motor city like New York. It is not only a truck. If the querist will ask: "Is it menace as well as a nulsance to owner. cheaper to haul goods with the horse and their neighbors and fellow-citisen age conditions?" he will receive a con- selves to keep them under such condi-

Anti-Cignrefte Boys.

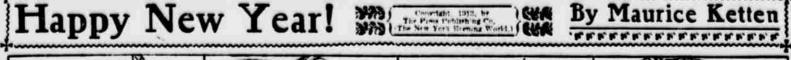
Anti-Cignrefte Boys.

So the Editor of The Brening World:

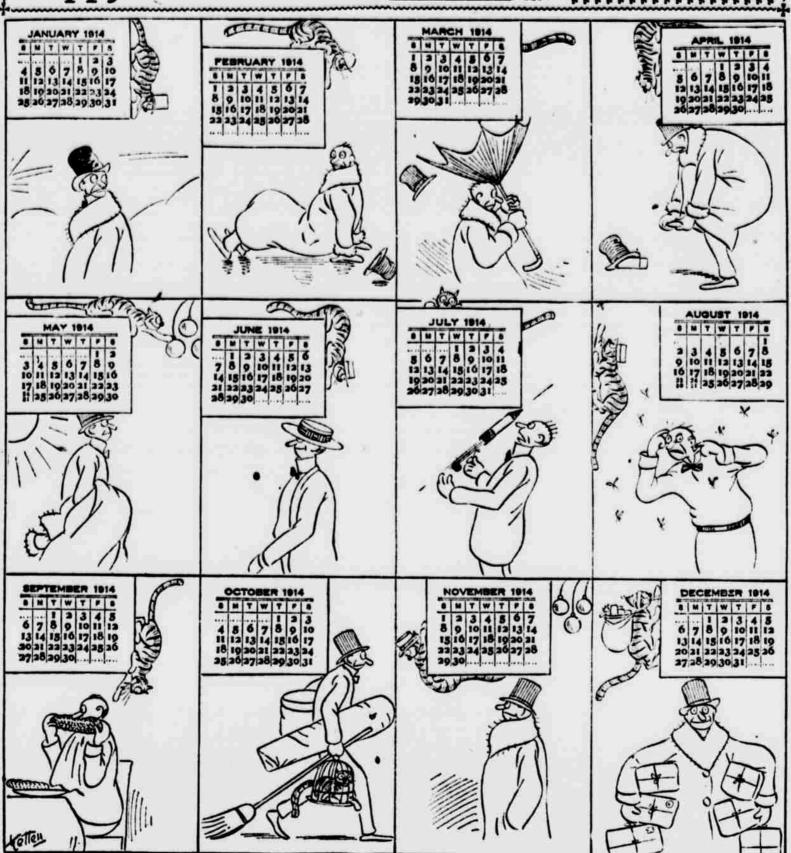
I read that a man was arrested for

Has the United States any legal bell
complex ample in a policeman's face.

Care days during the year?







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Copyright, 1913, by The Press Publishing Co., (The New York Evening World,)

A the Misses Cackleberrys, her from Philadelphia, the merri-

Percy Pinkfinger, at the plane, handkerchief and thrust it back in his noting all eyes were upon the handkerchief and thrust it back in his left sieve, and had glanced at his Pinkfinger plunged into his musical into the wretch!) he was moistening his lips watch, which was on the wrist of his terpretation of a vagueness wast and saying to John W. Rangle, also arch-hypocrite, "Here's now!" him to favor the company with his Futurist Necturns, "The Ghoul's Sara-

Mr. Pinkfinger hesitated. He said that-really, you know-he thought it too heavy for a merry gathering such his improvisations on "Narcissus."

But the company was insistent for the Ghoul's Saraband." Mrs. Clara Mud-

Hits From Sharp Wits.

The hand that rocks the cradle is sei dom seen making gestures in a suffrage

meeting.-Columbia State.

"Just one more drink" is always respons ble for one more "drunk."-Philadelphia Inquirer.

Headline reads, "Spaniards Expelled from Mexico Appeal to Hearst." Now from what paper do you suppose we got

Philadelphia Inquirer. criminating in a breach-of-promise suit. King Alfonso, says a Madrid despatch emokes twenty-four elgarettee an hour He must be saving up coupons for a she usually ends by catching the patient. plane.-Boston Transcript.

One of the late discoveries is that of of her life explaining the phenomenon. a London ecientist, who says moonlight rays have a softening effect on the brain. May be that accounts for so much levemaking by moonlight.-Toledo

A German blacksmith to taking a leading role in grand opera over there. This is not the first time there have been blacksmiths in grand opera-dillwaukse

The President of Switzerland received only \$1,500 a year; still, even on so mod-est on income, one might live bigh to the

#### \* Mr. Jarr Is at Last in Society! Yes, He'd Much Rather Be in Jail GYPSIES celebrate New Year's on fixed, but retrogrades through the different seasons of the solar year, the John's Day, which, falls on Dec. last observance having been on Nov. 20,

band!" " declared the young matron. ness vast and blue, probably from Arthur Terwillger or any of the young

T Mrs. Jarr's "affair" in honor of drinking tea to excess, and he had the Misses Cackleberrys, visiting dashed to the piane and composed it." Even Mr. Jarr had admitted he could Rangle said never mind him. So, noting dismal pink with claret and had trans
It occurred to Mrs. Jarr that this New Year's Evo-a custom not likely One of stand it if the rest could, and Mr. ladleful of fruits and flowers stained a see?" had dusted the keys with his dainty a deep hush fall upon the company and handkerchief and thrust it back in his noting all eyes were upon him, Mr.

And the minute he did so everybody

looking for a mother.

Actions may speak louder than words, but they are not half so in-

A trained nurse never seems to catch anything from her patients, but

Nowadaya when a girl marries for love alone she has to spend the rest

OUGHT to have married and didn't, but the girl he ought NOT to have

A men may "dare to do right," but he would never dare to acknowledge

the halo of one man's approval.

the fact to his bachelor friends.

married and did.

Mr. Pinkfinger plane and gabbled at the top of their the men are about punch." voices to one another, until, with a "I sit enraptured! As in a trance! crashing chord, the piece ended, then how the men were about it. They made From the first note of the 'Ghoul's Sur- everybody cried "How sweet! How their husbands drink it at home socials, Mrs. Stryver, too, said it was what with a tremendous pattering of gloved heads and said they didn't know why

inmarried fellows come we'll have some

Meanwhile Mr. Jarr had accoped up a posed the uncooked mess into a punch glass. Here (and pretending he tiked it, competent to judge, so she answered debtors,

turned backs on the player and the Mrs. Jarr explained. "You know how

splendid! Doesn't it thrill you?" and also. But the other women shook their

she had so hoped he would play. All hands, demanded an encore. men couldn't get along without punch. present begged and implored Mr. Pink- "Let the silly bore tire himself out at "Is it true that Clara Mudridge-Smith finger to play this classic of Cubist the plane," Mrs. Jerr whispered to the is going to do an East Indian dance, the cacaphony he had composed one evening Cackleberry girls, "there's nobody here 'Hasheesh Houri?" asked Mrs. Stryver asked Mrs. Stryver | will cele when kept awake, "pursued," as he had but old married frumps. As soon as of Mrs. Jarr. "Do you think that a ginning of the New Year 464 of the explained it afterward, "with a vague- Jack Silver or Herbert Tynfoyle or dance of that sort"— Iroquois Confederacy.

"What sort?" interrupted Mrs. Japr.

was a question she herself was most

unpleasant; provided the dancer is not vulgarly fat.

made no answer. "What's going to be pulled off" whispered Mr. Rangle, falling back from

"The boss's bride, the fair Clarice,

is going to show us how to put the hash in hasheesh," explained Mr. Jarr. "I'll bet she's got a thousand dollar costume, astonishingly brief for the price, to do five cents worth of dancaside. "Any chance for us to get out on the fire escape and smoke a pipe? Stick around! Something is coming oft, "whispered Mr. Jarr.

"I hope not." hissed Rangle; for that OST men fancy they are looking for a wife when they are really fair young matron Cara Mudridge-Smith came out from Mrs. Jarr boudoir, attred in several strings of beads, and struck the first attitude of A widow is a fascinating being, with the flavor of maturity, the spice the Temple Dance of Benarca. Mr. Jarr and Mr. Rangle looked over of experience, the piquancy of novelty, the tang of practised coquetry and

> "Wealth is an awful curse," murnured Mr. Jarr. "Let's give him another glass of the claret punch and put the old man out o' his misery'

Where Prices Are Low. ETTER carriers in Russia are paid from \$12.50 to \$17.50 a month.

Official German statistics show that The most tragic figure in the eternal triangle is not the girl a man \$100, in Wurtemberg \$250, in Bavaria \$250, in Saxony 835, in Pruseia \$210.

Widnes. England, sells gas to its cor sumers at from 2 cents to 3 cents for "Go to siery, Annia," to said complacent?
1,000 cubic feet. The town now wishes to "We'll find the poor wretch in the morning!" The seven poses of man are the platonic, the impetuous, the clusive, spend \$5,000,000 enlarging its plant, as the masterful, the devoted, the indifferent and the "I'll-take-care-of-youconsumption is increasing rapidly.

In parts of France a square meal

## Little Causes Of Big Wars By Albert Payson Terhune

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Mexican War. N Southern Texas is a strip of land, lying between the Nucces River and the Rio Grande. And over its possession was waged a great war-a war that cost more in money and lives than fifty times the value of the land itself.

Pioneers from the United States had drifted southwestward across the Mexican border and had settled in the region that is now known as Texas. They had a bearty contempt for the Mexican masters of Texas, a contempt they took no great pains to hide. The Mexicans resented the invasion and the Americans' attitude toward them.

There was one clash after another. A cordial hatred sprang up between the two races and war followed-a murderous frontier war, starred with massacres and with all manner of atrocities. The outcome of the conflict was that the American pioneers, under Sam Houston, thrashed the Mexicans, drove them out of the territory and formed the "Republic of Texas." Then Houston managed to get Texas annexed to the United States.

This is not the place nor time to discuss the rights and wrongs of snatching several hundred thousand square miles of territory from Mexico and of adding it to the United States. But at once the action bred trouble. The slavery and anti-slavery factions here be-

Land Grabbing gan to snari over the possession of the new State: the standpatters denounced its annexation and Mexico pro-

tested loudly. Yet there seemed every chance that the high handed seizure might not involve our country in war. Though troops were massed near the frontier, President Polk said in his message to Congress on Dec. 2, 1815, that the peace between the United States and Mexico remained undisturbed. Then came the boundary squabble.

Texas extended only as far south as the Nucres River, but the Texans, having acquired the-land-seizing habit, claimed also the Conhulla district, which lay between the Nueces and the Rio Grande. Says Higginson:

"The claim to the region between the rivers had no standing in law and but fittle in fact." But President Polk enforced it by sending Gen. Zachary Taylor, with 4.00

men, across the Nueces and as far south as the Rio Grande Itself, thus invading with an armed force the domain supposedly belonging to a peaceful neighbor! The local Mexican commandant ordered Taylor to clear out. Taylor refused. There was a skirmish. Sixteen Americans were killed or Taylor promptly crossed the Rio Grande, invaded Mexico and captured the city

Congress backed this move by declaring war on Mexico. President Polk quaintly assured the nation that Mexico had "invaded our territory and shed American blood upon American soil" end that "war exists, notwithstanding all our efforts to avoid it " " by, the act of Mexico itself." Many statesmen,

Abraham Lincoln among them, denounced these statements as lies. Zachary Taylor, with his little army, plunged straight into the heart of Mexico, thrashing Mexican hosts that greatly outnumbered his own and capturing Mexican strongholds that were thought impregnable.

He was a wonder, this grim old Indian fighter whom Polk had sent id Mexico as a catspaw to be the butt of an unpopularity the war might cause (Taylor was a Whig and Polk a Democrat.) And now Taylor's victories made him a national hero. Polk tried to redeem his own error by sending Gen. Scott, a fellow Democrat, down to take charge of the war and by stripping Taylor of most of his army to swell that of Scott.

The Price of Peace.

In spite of the handicap Taylor later won the battle of Buena Vista, defeating a Mexican force nearly five times as large as his. (Incidentally securing his own election as next President of the United States.) Scott too won several battles, and in a few months Mexico was thoroughly beaten.

By the terms of the peace treaty Mexico ceded, among other things, to the United States (for \$15,000,000) California and New Mexico, nearly \$90,000 square miles of territory. Thus, the strip of "debatable ground." costly investment though it had been, at last paid big dividends.

The Mexican war had other effects too. It trained certain young soldiers for mighty roles they were later to play in the national draws. Among the young soldiers who received their baptism of fire in the clash with Mexico were Grant.

## New Year's Oddities

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The Russian New Year will be cele- year lat dating from Mohammed's brated on Jan. 21, which marks the be- "hegira" to Medina). ginning of the year 823 A. M.

"Old Lady of Threadneedle day before are called "daft" or "crazy" The

been opened Jan. 1, 1696. The Iroquois Indians still cling to their old method of reckoning time, and liese of the men in Scotch towns to

The Chinese, having adopted the mod-"The sort Clara Mudridge-Smith ern calendar, will celebrate New Year's would dance!" flashed Mrs. Stryver. Day on the orthodox date, but they "Is it a thing these young girls should still cling to their primitive notion that that was long before eggs became so

In climinating the New Year leves, "Why, it is a simple, artistic little President Wilson changes a custom dance that is not at all suggestive of that dates from the days of Washington, who started it. 6

As Mrs. Stryver was extremely stout. Chaldeans. Phoenicians, Syrians and autumnal equinox, about Sept. 22. Among the ancient Greeks New Year's all year, the overturning of a chair is and later on June 22.

The Latin Christian nations once had you will be hungry all year. seven different New Year's Days-Jan. 1. March 1. March 25, Dec. 25, Easter, and two variable dates. In England, from the fourteenth cen-

calendar in 1760, the legal and ecclesiastical year begun on March 26.

Street," the Bank of England, celebrates days, when all persons were once supits birthday on New Year's Day, having posed to be privileged to drink a "wee drap" more than was good for them. Up to a century ago it was the priv-

which marked the beginning of the

In Scotland, New Year's Day and the

kiss every girl caught on the streets on the first day of the year, but the custom is now taboued.

The ancient Persians exchanged eggs on their New Year's Day (Sept. 20), but

can observances of the day is the tournament of roses which is held annually It is estimated that New York con-

sumes not less than a quarter of a million dollars' worth of champagne The ancient Egyptians, Persians, every New Year eve and morning. According to an old superstition, the she took this shot with a quiver, but Carthaginians began their year at the opening of an umbrella in the house on New Year's Day means bad luck

> Day was first celebrated on Doc. 22, a presage of illness, and the dropping of a knife, fork or spoon means that The year 1914 will be born in New Zealand, for the people of that colony will be the first to applaud its arrival;

> then the change of date sweeps over tury until the adoption of the Gregorian Australia and Asia, then Africa and Furope, before crossing the Atlantic to America The twenty-second of September was In Japan the last day of the year is

> the New Year's Day in the French called "the Devil's Day," because that is when the bill collectors make their revolutionary calendar. is when the bill collectors make their The Mohammedan New Year is not rounds, and every-body has to pay up.

# The Day's Good Stories

## The Bait.

BORGE," and Mrs. Smith, sitting up "I am sorry they came there," said Smith, the place."

"I am sorry they came there," said Smith, referring to the new neighbors. "They are simil; driving my more wife crare."

him distinctly crossing the floor of the room be"Yes," replied Smith, "but that len't exactly
low, Now" excitedly" he's lighting one of what's driving mather buy more. Yet see, Asy cigan I gave you for your birthdes. I him pick up the box and put it down

Then Gange sat up and intened "He to! He's actually smoking one of those -er-

er those cigars."

Then he needed once more comfortably a

### Mean Neighbors.

The average Russian day laborer is REPERRING to denestle scraps, Congressial to have only about four certs a fits mean Banual M. Taylor of Ariannes and of the meaner neighbon that ever lived, or, at least, that was the opinion of Mm. Smith, who lived next down

driving my moor wife crass."

"That's hard look," commented the frient armpathethelis. "What do they do have a doreling to Pearson's Weekly.
"I'm quite right;" she returned. "I can hear meetle areas erer night;"
"I'm quite right;" she foor of the room be"Yes," replied Smith, "but that len't execute

eventually drifted to a new family that had

I fight in some foreign isnainge and she can't but derstand a word they say," - Pai adelple's Tele-

#### Tested Her Courage.

MRS. DE TIMID (at hott)—I ber perion, but did you not our you were presented to the king during your lour abroad? to the king during your lour abroad?

Her Nrighbon- Yes, medam,

Mrs. De Timid-And you spoke of other enperiences of a like nature?

Her Neighbor-I was presented to several of
the covered heads of Europe, talked with many
of the smat sentrals and noted diplomats and
sas granted an audience with the Pope,

Mrs. De Timid- Woren't you secred?

Her Neighbor-Not at all,

Mrs. De Timid-Then, if you are not about,
I wish you would tell the head water that he
mit how is empty.—Birminghom Nove.